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Proposed Ruling: TIN Sidewall Location/Recall

To whom it may concern,

As a "senior citizen" I have been advised several times over the years of one recall or another - from automobiles to kitchen appliances. Finding the model and serial numbers of the various products never presented much of challenge. Just turn the unit over, open a door panel or find the manufacturer's plate.

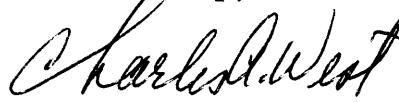
Finding the tire registration numbers, however, in the event of a recall is quite another story. In my younger years I greased and oiled my cars myself. I owned a hydraulic jack and "creepers" to allow me to get under the vehicle as I needed. Then it would have been relatively easy to look on the inside of the tires to locate the registration number.

Since I no longer maintain my van myself, I no longer own the jack or creeper and therefore must rely on professional service people for maintaining my vehicle. And I must also call on those same people in case of a tire recall to get an appointment to check the tires to determine first of all whether my tires are in fact covered in the recall. It may take as long as a week or more just to secure the appointment for the facility to inspect the tires! Further action to complete the service may require another appointment

If the registration number was placed on the outside of the tire I could check the number and determine whether my tires are affected by the recall notice. My time (and it is valuable, you see, because I am retired) as well as the time of the service facility would be better utilized in taking care of actual vehicle servicing.

I trust you will help make this seemingly simple solution to a hopefully seldom situation a reality for us all.

Yours truly,


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